

## The Parish Group provides environmental and child-friendly landscaping solutions

With spring just around the corner, lawns and gardens across the state will soon come out of winter hibernation to flourish once again as temperatures steadily rise. As the warmer climate and humidity takes hold and precipitation becomes more common throughout the state, greenery can have the potential to get out of control if not properly maintained. The Parish Group is one homegrown business that stands ready to assist home and business owners with a variety of methods to keep those lawns and gardens in check.

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Last September, a landscaping business called “The Cutting Edge” merged with “Parish Lawn & Landscape Solutions” to form “The Parish Group,” a lawn and landscaping solutions company based in Baton Rouge. Taking their name in honor of co-owner Brook Webber’s 3-year old son, Parish, who was born with Down’s Syndrome, one of the company’s core missions is to keep young children in mind when it comes to devising lawn and landscaping plans for their clients.

“One area we are focusing on is the introduction of an organic line of residential horticulture geared toward schools and young children,” said Webber. “Since children tend to play around in the soil and near the ground, we want to ensure that those areas that kids come into contact with will be as biologically and environmentally safe as possible. Also, with respect to our client base, we are seeing an increased tendency of families staying closer to home, and as such, are becoming more active in their yards and gardens. With festivals, barbecues and seafood parties approaching, insect abatement, weed control and irrigation take precedent as outdoor family time becomes a priority into the spring and summer months.”



*Parish Webber stands before a group of trees to be planted in Spanish Oaks*

The Parish Group designs projects specific to the topographic and environmental needs of a particular home or business, with a variety of landscaping options that are both environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing. As of January 2012, the company has been planting more than 800 trees in the Spanish Oaks and Prairieville areas along Interstate 10 in order to boost soil and water conservation efforts there. The project is being conducted on their own accord as a way to give back and assist those communities in the wake of the recent drought that affected the region.

Headquartered in the Baton Rouge capital region, The Parish Group also covers business and residential customers in the Lafayette and New Orleans metro areas. Owners Brook Webber and Eddie Sharer are



both licensed and insured, degreed horticulturists with more than 30 years of experience in landscaping and horticulture. Their certified professionals sit down with clients to initiate landscaping projects that foster environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing results. Their work focuses on erosion reduction projects, energy saving ideas and landscaping plans that help to reduce stormwater flooding while maximizing the use of natural resources and topography. Some of their many projects include landscape lighting installation, mulch installation, bed edging, ground cover planting, sod and hydroseeding, flower planting, weeding services, leaf removal, shrub trimming, irrigation and turf fertilization.



For more information, visit their Web site at: [www.theparishgroup.net](http://www.theparishgroup.net), or contact owners Brook Webber or Eddie Sharer at (225) 753-7732, or via email at: [info@theparishgroup.net](mailto:info@theparishgroup.net).

Co-owner Eddie Sharer hydrates newly planted trees at Southern University for the Tree Planting Project, a Green-Light Project through Mayor Kip Holden and the city of Baton Rouge

